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Strictly speaking the Secret Service has no business being interested in or paying public moneys on Commission critics. I suspect in time we'll learn that the interest has been continuous.

Several pages relating to Lane and Femsterwald were released by SS in response to Lane's FOIA request of 1975. They cannot be all. The gaps with Lane are from 1864 to 1975.

Who wrote whom is masked on the 2/14/64 SS memo. The tape record was for the Commission, it says. And by UPI. The UPI charge of $20 is "which represents the cost to UPI for preparing the recording at the request of the Commission.." "Preparing the recording" certainly did not cost UPI $20 if this means no more than making a dub. If UPI had no interest, which I doubt with all its radio clients, and if UPI had not planned to send a reporter with a tape recorder, then $20 would not seem to be enough to cover all the costs, including time and transportation, etc.

Lane was taped 2/11. The memo concludes "Both of these tapes were played to the Commission staff" that day. Both? Perhaps this is what is masked at the end of Graph. 2.

The second memo skips to 4/7/75. The SS had but two JFK/FOIA requests before it them. It rejected Lane's.

I made extra copies of the reports of 12/11/68 and 1/8/69 relating to ~~Bud~~ Bud. The earlier one begins "Inquiries on Capitol Hill revealed..." This is not to say that the information just happened to be passed on by SS sources.

It is possible I knew Bud was organizing a committee by or before this time. I'm not certain. I think it was later, tha Bud first spoke to me about it.

Bud had relations with the Senate Internal Security Committee. They were office neighbors. I doubt they trusted Bud no matter how friendly they may have appeared to be. Norpal's assumptions were not correct. Bud is the only one of the firm to be connected with the committee he formed.

When the first report is based on a news story there is no question of secrecy about Bud's plans, whether or not I knew them at the time. I think there is a question about the propriety of the Secret Service having any interest in this kind of activity.

The Washington Examiner was a small weekly that did not survive.